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By ECF and Fax

The Honorable Nicholas G. Garaufis
United States District Judge
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: *Batalla Vidal, et al., v. Nielsen, et al.*, 16-cv-4756 (NGG) (JO)
State of New York, et al., v. Trump, et al., 17-cv-5228 (NGG) (JO)

Dear Judge Garaufis:

This evening, the *Batalla Vidal* Plaintiffs filed their brief in opposition to Defendants' motion for certification of an interlocutory appeal and for a stay of discovery and record-supplementation in the above-captioned matters. Plaintiffs in the *State of New York* matter will presumably file their own brief shortly. As a courtesy, Defendants write to notify the Court of Defendants' intent to file a reply brief in support of their motion, pursuant to Local Civil Rule 6.1(b)(3), by no later than this Friday, January 5. Defendants intend to file one combined reply brief and, pursuant to this Court's individual rules, it will not exceed 10 pages.

Defendants thank the Court for consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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